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IN THE CLAIMS

L2 Kindly add the following new claims:

17. A water-soluble composition for reducing cholesterol absorption comprising an aqueous homogenous micellar mix of a plant sterol and an emulsifier wherein the mole ratio of the plant sterol:emulsifier is about 1:0.1 to about 1:10.

18. The composition of claim 17 wherein the emulsifier is lecithin.

19. The composition of claim 17 wherein the micellar mix is liquid.

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. Claims 17-19 have been added.

The new claims are supported by the specification and no new matter has been added.

The new claims are not anticipated by, or made obvious by, the Straub reference previously cited by the Examiner. Straub discloses a method for making a food additive composition comprising a stanol, an edible solubilizing agent, an effective amount of a suitable antioxidant, and an effective amount of a

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